

# The Brookings County Times



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March 2018

## UPCOMING DATES

**SDSU Little International**

March 23-24

**Market Beef Weigh-in**

April 4 from 4-6 pm

**State Shoot Registration**

**Deadline**

April 16

**YQCA Training**

May 7 @ 6:30 pm

**Kid Kare**

May 31

**Market Sheep, Swine, & Goat**

**Weigh-in**

May 23

**Teen Leadership Conference**

June 4-8

**4-H Camp Poinsett**

June 11-13

**Cloverbud Day Camp**

June 14

**County Horse Show**

June 19

**Special Foods Contest**

June 27

**County Dog Show**

July 16

**Fashion Revue Contest**

July 17

**Public Presentations Contest**

July 19

**2018 Achievement Days**

July 30—August 2

## County-only Weigh-in Opportunity!

Brookings County 4-H market beef exhibitors have an opportunity to earn a nickel for every pound of gain. **The only requirement is that you weigh your market beef** on Wednesday, April 4 from 4:00—6:00 p.m. at Vander Wal Yards, and weigh back on Tuesday, July 31 at the beginning of Achievement Days. The gain will be calculated and the prize will be awarded to the exhibitor by the sponsor.



## Market Beef Weigh-In & Green Tagging

The county market beef weigh-in and green tagging will be held on **Wednesday, April 4 at Vander Wal Yards (20740 464th Ave) from 4-6 pm**. DNA sample envelopes will be provided at \$6 each. This will be the only scheduled weigh-in. **Due to the opt-out, it is important that families contact the office if you will be weighing market beef.**

**Please call 605.693.8280 by noon on Wednesday, April 4** with the number of head you will be weighing. The weigh-in will conclude as soon as all pre-registered individuals have finished weighing.

Initial weigh-in is no longer required for State Fair 4-H division participation. However, all market beef need to have a green tag and a DNA sample submitted to participate at the 2018 State Fair.

If you opt out of the weigh-in, it will become the responsibility of the family to collect a DNA Sample (using an approved envelope at the cost of \$6) and tag the animal with the appropriate 4-H identification tag available from the office.



The four H's stand for **HEAD, HEART, HANDS, HEALTH**

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## 4-H Leader's Meeting ~ March 12, 2018



The 4-H Leader's Association will meet Monday, March 12, at 5:30 p.m. in the classroom at the Brookings County Outdoor Adventure Center. Please DO NOT let the title of the organization mislead you. All club leaders, volunteers, and parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. We want your input!

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## Paint Exchange—Volunteers Needed!

The Annual Paint Exchange will be held on Saturday, April 7 at the Brookings Regional Landfill. Latex paint can be dropped off from 9 am - 12 pm for recycling. Paint will be available to the public free of charge from 1 - 4 pm.



We need your help! Any 4-H member or adult can help! However, members should be accompanied by an adult. They are asking for 12-15 volunteers to help out from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm. A noon meal will be provided.

Please call the Extension Office to sign up.

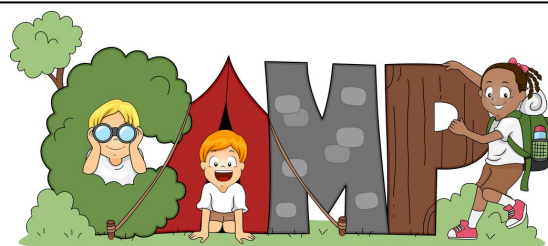
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## 4-H Camp

Brookings County 4-H will be securing chaperones for the June 11-13, 2018 4-H Camp at Lake Poinsett. Registration will be open online through iGrow April 1-30. Youth may select any camp session, but all Brookings County 4-H members are encouraged to camp from June 11-13. More details will be provided in the near future.

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## 4-H Camp Counselors Needed!

Counselors are the primary caregivers for each camper. The counselor is responsible for guiding campers in their personal growth and daily living skills, while they are in attendance of any camps offered through the South Dakota 4-H Youth Development Program.

Counselor applications are due by Friday, March 30th by 5:00 pm CST to Katherine Jaeger. The Camp Advisory Committee will review them and make recommendations. Counselor training dates and locations are TBD based on the availability of those hired. Counselors must be a minimum of 16 years old at the start of camp. A counselor volunteer job description as well as an application is attached.

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## Brookings Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship—Due April 2

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The Brookings Area Chamber of Commerce Ag Relations Committee awards two scholarships. One is awarded to a graduating high school senior and the other to a student currently enrolled at a post-secondary school. The committee prides itself on promoting and connecting the agriculture industry in the Brookings trade area; and feels young farmers and industry professionals are essential to the growth of the local agricultural economy.

Eligibility is limited to high school students in the trade area and post-secondary students pursuing an ag related field of study. Scholarship applications are available at <http://www.brookingschamber.org/pages/AgRelations> and must be turned in to the Brookings Area Chamber of Commerce by **April 2, 2018**.

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## State 4-H Scholarship Applications—Due April 1

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Youth, who have at least five years of active membership in South Dakota 4-H (must be a current high school senior or enrolled in college, technical institute, etc.), are eligible to apply for South Dakota 4-H Scholarships. Visit [iGrow](#) for the SD State 4-H Scholarship list and application guidelines. Start working on your submission packet now, to include: a cover letter, resume, letter of recommendation and a transcript. You have the option to also include a page of photos with captions showing your 4-H leadership work/accomplishments. The application packet must be signed by the 4-H Advisor and postmarked to the State 4-H Office by April 1.

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## Teen Leadership Conference

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Mark your calendars! The annual Teen Leadership Conference will be held on June 4-8, 2018. It is an event hosted by 4-H Youth Council in collaboration with SD 4-H and SDSU Extension at the main campus of SDSU in Brookings, South Dakota. This conference is open to any teens regardless of their involvement with 4-H. Teens have an opportunity to grow personally and professionally, while exploring the beautiful SDSU campus.

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## 2018 Health & Wellness Summit: Teen Ambassador Program

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SDSU Extension, in collaboration with the SDSU Wellness Center, will host a two-day [Wellness Summit](#) for teens, April 5 – 6, 2018 at the Days Inn in Brookings, SD. The Summit will feature breakout sessions and interactive activities focused on the topics of wellness, nutrition, sleep, financial health, and physical activity; then how to turn around and become health advocates and leaders in their communities.



Cost of registration is \$75; the deadline to register is **March 25, 2018**. For more information about this event, contact [Tara Shafrath](#), SDSU Extension Health & Physical Activity Field Specialist or visit [iGrow](#).

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## JoAnn Fabrics Offer for 4-H Members

JoAnn Fabrics is offering an opportunity for 4-H members, volunteers, and parents/legal guardians of members to save 15% on purchases! To register for the JOANN 4-H Rewards Card visit: <http://www.joann.com/4-h-form/>

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You can also use your 4-H Rewards Discount Card through the JOANN app. Just remember to register using the same email address you used to register your rewards card. Tap on My Coupons to access your 4-H Rewards and save 15% off your total purchase!

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## Feeding South Dakota Food Packing Day—April 28

Did you know that there are people going hungry within your own community?

Did you also know that there is way for you to help?

The Brookings High-school FFA chapter has been partnering with 4-H to raise \$12,500 to provide 50,000 meals to combat hunger in local communities. Over \$2,000 has already been raised and once they reach their goal, the meal packing day will be held April, 28. A sign-up genius will be created soon to begin securing volunteers. Be watching for further details to come out in the future!

**They are searching for 50 volunteers willing to assist in packing meals:**

8—10 year olds need to come with an adult helper

12—18 year olds can volunteer without an adult

Feeding South Dakota will provide instruction at 8:30 a.m. and volunteers will pack boxes until noon. While 4-H is collaborating with the FFA chapter, any and all volunteers (including non-4-H) who are willing to help are welcome!



## Youth Artificial Insemination Day Camp

Come learn about the value of bovine artificial insemination, the A.I. process and equipment, while gaining hands on experience during this day camp. Camp will be held on **Saturday, March 17th from 10:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.** at the SDSU Cow-Calf Research and Education Unit, in Brookings, SD.

The registration form and \$30 fee are due by March 9th to the SDSU Extension Mitchell Regional Center. The class is limited to the first 30 registrants. Attendees must be junior or senior 4-H members, or middle school and high school students.

Day camp organizers are seeking volunteers to be small group leaders. Please contact the Extension Office if you are willing to assist from 10:00 am—3:00 pm on Saturday, March 17.

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## Changes to 4-H Animal Project Participation

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Updates have been made in an effort to elevate the importance of youth experience over contest participation and competition in animal projects. All changes are included in the [Youth Experience in Animal Projects document](#). Important changes to review from the document include:



- Affidavits will be for unofficial use only.
  - 4-H animal identification is the exhibitor's responsibility to upload into 4HOnline by **June 1st at 11:59 pm**.
  - Animal registration papers are the exhibitor's responsibility to upload to 4HOnline by **July 1st at 11:59 pm**.
  - Initial weight for market animals is no longer required to participate at the State Fair.
  - DNA collection is the exhibitor's responsibility.
  - Weigh-back processes during State Fair animal exhibitions have been eliminated.
  - **Dog Affidavits** – The dog project entry process will remain the same as past years. Due to the vaccination certificate being on the dog affidavit, it **is still required and needs to be uploaded (including pictures of the dog) by the June 1st deadline**.
  - **Horse Form/Horse Achievement** – The horse project entry process will remain the same as in past years. The Horse Form and Horse Achievement documents **need to be uploaded to 4HOnline by June 1st**.
  - **Lease Agreements** – Lease agreements will be completed as they have in the past (if applicable). **Exhibitors need to upload lease agreements to 4HOnline for leased animals by the June 1st deadline.**
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## YQCA Replacing YPQA

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In March 2017, the National Pork Board transitioned from YPQA to Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). Educators and livestock industry professionals have noticed the success of the YPQA program and determined the need for a multi-specie (beef, dairy, goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep and swine), science-based educational program.

For 2017-18, 4-H will require all youth exhibiting swine projects at the county or state level to complete YQCA certification. **Certification must be obtained by July 1, 2018**. This can be completed online or at the county **YQCA training on May 7, 2018 at 6:30 pm**. Contact the Extension Office prior to certification for **instructions**.

Next year (2018-2019) all youth exhibiting beef cattle, dairy cattle, dairy goats, meat goats, sheep, swine, poultry, and rabbits at the county or state level will be expected to become YQCA certified.

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## Swine Green-tagging Requirement for 2018



A vote was passed by the 4-H Leader's Association to require all swine to be green-tagged in order to participate in Brookings County shows beginning in 2018. Contact the Extension Office if you have any questions.

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## 2018 4-H Rodeo—Registration Deadline May 1

The [entry form packet for the 2018 4-H Regional & State Rodeo](#) is now available on iGrow. In order to be eligible to participate in any SD 4-H Rodeo event participants must:

- Enroll as a 4-H member in [4HOnline](#)
- Register for Rodeo Project in 4HOnline
- Complete all of the required SD 4-H forms within the rodeo packet
- Submit the Insurance Declaration Form 1 to the county 4-H office by Tuesday, May 1, 2018.
- Submit the rest of the packet to the 4-H Rodeo Finals Secretary, Kim Larson. It must be postmarked on/before Tuesday, May 1, 2018 to be eligible to participate in any South Dakota 4-H Rodeo event.

The 4-H State Finals Rodeo will be held at the Stanley County Fairgrounds in Ft. Pierre, SD on Aug. 17-19, 2018.



## 4-H Horse Project

Remember to work on your Youth in Action requirements for the 2017-18 4-H year which will help you meet the completion requirement of the Horse Project Achievement Form. All requirements have a deadline of **June 1**.

### Requirements include:

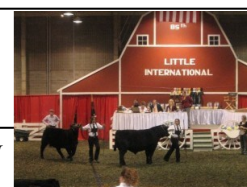
- ☑ Completion of 2 Safe Skills on the Horse Activity Record
- ☑ Participation in a Youth in Action event or giving a public presentation (illustrated talk, demonstration, public speaking, project why) which can be given at the club level but must be related to the Horse Project
- ☑ Completion of the **Youth HORSE Training**. Attending a training in any location will meet the completion requirement necessary to participate in the county and state horse shows.

### HORSE Training Dates and Locations

Hamlin County	Sun. March 4	5:00 pm	4-H Auditorium in Hayti
Brown County	Sat. March 17	10:00 am	Eljomar Arabians Facility, 39026 130th St. Aberdeen, SD
Spink/Clark County	Mon. March 19	7:00 pm	Doland School Lunchroom
Moody County	Thurs. March 22	6:30 pm	Moody County Extension Building
Kingsbury County	Sat. March 25	9:30 am	4-H Grounds in DeSmet
Brookings County	Mon. April 23	5:15 pm	Brookings County Outdoor Adventure Center
Deuel County	Sun. April 29	4:00 pm	4-H Service Center, Clear Lake
Grant County	Sun. May 6	11:30 am	Grant Co. 4-H Grounds (at the Hairy Horse Fun Show)

## SDSU Little “I” - March 23—March 24, 2018

Little International is a two-day agricultural exposition planned, organized, and implemented by students at SDSU for the benefit of high school and college students. The expo provides a fun and competitive opportunity for students to develop and refine skills for lifelong success in agriculture.





## 2017-2018 4-H Enrollment

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The new 4-H year began October 1 and runs through September 30, 2018.

Please complete the re-enrollment process on [4-HOnline](#) (can also be accessed through [www.iGrow.org](http://www.iGrow.org)) in order to be an active member for the 2017-18 4-H Year.

Reminder...in order to enroll in 4-H, youth must be 8 years old **on or before January 1, 2018**.

Youth can not be older than 18 on or before January 1, 2018.

If you have been enrolled in 4-H before you **do not need** to create a new profile.

Contact the office if you need assistance.



Volunteers will need to renew by completing a new volunteer work agreement form.

These are now required to be completed once a year. Additionally, volunteers will need to complete volunteer training videos and watch a Civil Rights training video which is now available.

It has been uploaded to 4-H Online on the second page of enrollment under the additional information page.

If you have already re-enrolled, please go into the additional information page and complete the civil right training at the top of the page and sign and date the comment box.

If you are not enrolling in a club, please make sure to check with the Extension Office to pay your insurance dues. Regular members will owe \$3.00 and members involved in the horse project owe \$3.50.

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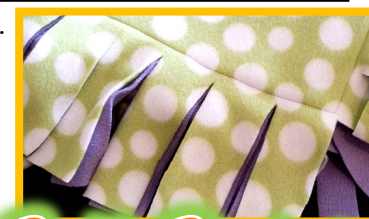
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## Blanket Buddies—2017-18 Youth Council Community Service Project

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The 2017-18 4-H Youth Council Community Service Project will be “Blanket Buddies”. 4-H families, clubs, and/or counties are asked to “put their hands to larger service” by making tie fleece blankets and donating them to area health care facilities (i.e. hospitals, clinics, assisted livings, etc.) and/or shelters.

4-H clubs/members are asked to keep track of the blankets they donate and report the numbers to the Extension Office.



*Buddy Blankets*

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## LIKE Brookings 4-H on Facebook!

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Miss out on any 4-H events, updates or news? Brookings 4-H is on Facebook!

You can find us at [SDSU Extension - Brookings County 4-H!](#)

We frequently post about upcoming opportunities, 4-H events, pictures, schedule changes, and much more!

